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Emmons County Public Health Providing Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Doses

[LINTON, ND] – Emmons County Public Health (BBPH) is now providing booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC recommends booster doses for the following vaccine recipients who have completed their initial series at least six months ago:

- Individuals aged 65 and older
- Individuals aged 18 and older with [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Individuals aged 18 and older who work in [high-risk settings](#)
- Individuals aged 18 and older who live in high-risk settings

Pfizer [COVID-19 booster doses](#) are different from the third round of vaccinations that were made available nationally in August. The third round of vaccinations were intended to be an additional round of vaccination for individuals with certain health conditions leading to a compromised immune system. Booster doses have been made available due to studies showing that COVID-19 vaccination protection may decrease over time.

Call the public health office at (701) 254-4027 to inquire about appointment times and to schedule your appointment. ECPH is working with Thrifty White Pharmacy in Linton to batch individuals wanting booster doses together to reduce vaccine waste.

At this time, only individuals who completed a Pfizer vaccine series are eligible to receive a booster. Individuals who received the Moderna vaccine will likely need a booster shot, and more data on the effectiveness and safety of this vaccine is expected in coming weeks. Presently, there is not enough data to support getting an mRNA vaccine booster if someone received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. More data about

potential booster doses for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is expected in coming weeks.

Emmons County had six active positives according to the [North Dakota Department of Health dashboard](#) on September 29, down from 22 active cases a month ago. The county has experienced 523 cumulative positives and 14 deaths due to COVID-19.

For ongoing response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Dakota Department of Health has established a COVID-19 Hotline to help answer your questions. You may call 1-866-207-2880, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with questions. Please note that individuals seeking specific medical advice should contact their healthcare provider.

Emmons County Public Health has provided a variety of COVID-19 information through its [web page](#) and [Facebook page](#). For more info about COVID-19, visit the [ND Department of Health website](#), [NDResponse.gov](#), or [CDC website](#).

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